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DENTAL CARE



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This instruction implements AFPD 47-1 Dental Care, AFI 47-101, Managing Air Force Dental Services, AFI 41-115, Authorized Health Care and Health Care Benefits in the Military Health Services System, and AFMAN 36-2622, Base Level Military Personnel System. This instruction gives procedures for dental care. This instruction applies to active duty military, retired military, and eligible family members.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This revision reflects policies from current Air Force Instructions; changes in priority of care; limited space available care and the deletion of routine definitive care for non-active duty beneficiaries.

1. DENTAL TREATMENT PRIORITIES: Priority for access to routine dental treatment is determined by patient category as outlined in AFI 41-115. Priority for treatment is as follows:

- 1.1. All active duty personnel in dental class 3 and 4.
- 1.2. Active duty personnel on flying status, special operations duty (missileers, controllers, space operations personnel), and mobility and personnel selected for remote or isolated duty.
- 1.3. All other active duty personnel.
- 1.4. All non-active duty beneficiaries on a limited space available basis.
- 1.5. Emergency dental treatment for relief of acute pain, infection, or trauma experienced by any individual will be treated as efficiently as possible.

2. ROUTINE DENTAL CARE:

- 2.1. Active Duty Military.

2.1.1. Active duty Air Force members will be scheduled for their annual examination through the Periodic Dental Examination Program (reference AFMAN 36-2622).

2.1.2. Other uniformed service members will contact the base dental clinic for an examination appointment.

2.1.3. Required dental treatment will be scheduled after the dental examination.

2.1.4. Non-active Duty Beneficiaries: Dental care for non-active duty personnel is very limited and is only provided on a space available basis.

3. EMERGENCY DENTAL CARE: Active Duty Military and Non-Active Duty Beneficiaries:

3.1. Dental walk-in sick call hours are from 0730-1030 and 1230-1500 hours, Monday through Friday. All legal holidays are observed.

3.2. After hours dental emergency service is available through the Hospital Emergency Room. The dentist on call will be notified by the emergency room staff.

4. RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEETING DENTAL APPOINTMENTS: Commanders will make sure members of their organizations meet dental appointments.

4.1. Appointment Cancellations. Patients who are unable to meet their appointments must call and cancel at least 24 hours in advance. Cancellations within the 24 hour period will be considered as the situation dictates and may involve the supervisor for clarification.

4.2. Broken Appointments. Failure to attend a scheduled appointment will constitute a no-show.

- The Dental Squadron Commander will be the liaison with unit commanders regarding broken appointments by members of their organization.

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